

of nurses. The correspondence which is developing in regard to visiting nurse work shows that the JOURNAL is being depended upon more and more in the establishment and conduct of this line of work. The missionary department has been one of the most successful of our new ventures and will be continued on practically the same lines. Through it we have come to realize the greater value of our JOURNAL to nurses living in foreign lands, separated from the professional inspiration which is within such easy reach of those who stay at home.

The two series of articles on diet have created great interest. Miss Wheeler's will be discontinued for the present, and taken up again later. After completing the subject of foods, she will give us some papers on general chemistry to meet the needs of the teaching body, if we have some assurance from instructors of nurses that the subject is desired. Miss Hamman's articles on "Housekeeping for Two" will be continued. Her recipes all have practical value. They have been tested as they came along by a member of the JOURNAL staff and, we doubt not, by many of its readers. Presented without frills, they are absolutely accurate and satisfactory.

#### NEW LINES OF WORK

Ever since the JOURNAL came into existence it has acted as a free agency for the nurses of the country for almost every need that the profession requires. One of the heaviest duties in connection with it has been to take care of an immense correspondence covering every subject, from the scores of problems of the private nurse to state registration, and the whole circle of the educational side of hospitals and training schools, positions, discipline, courses of study, text-books, books of reference, etc.

It has been decided to add two definite departments to the JOURNAL's already broad field of usefulness. The first is a JOURNAL directory for hospitals and nurses, through which the business manager will, if the response is what is expected, be in a position to place hospitals which need, into communication with nurses who are seeking, positions. The fee must depend upon the amount of time and labor involved in each instance, all such transactions being strictly confidential.

The second is the establishment of an agency for nursing books of all kinds. With the increasing number of text-books now used in different schools, requiring orders to be placed with half a dozen different publishers, the busy superintendent will find the filling of her orders greatly simplified by making up her list and sending it to the business office of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING. If her instructions are clear, and the money order drawn to the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF

NURSING, she may be sure of prompt and efficient service. Circulars giving full information in regard to prices and methods of ordering can be obtained by writing to (Miss) M. E. P. Davis, care the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, 227 South Sixth Street, Philadelphia.

#### THE NEEDS OF THE COMING YEAR

One of the needs of the coming year is for more items of hospital and nursing news from all parts of the country. When a subscriber sees nothing from her section and wonders why the JOURNAL isn't interested in the news of her community, let her reflect that it does not depend upon newspapers for its items, that they must all be sent from reliable sources, and that she should immediately constitute herself the representative from her vicinity. Many a woman who feels that she hasn't the time or ability to write a scientific paper can render just as important service to her profession by sending such items.

The JOURNAL editors wish to express their special appreciation of the work of all of those subscribers who have been with them from the beginning, who have been loyal through all the experimental period, and who have been cordial as well as practical in their support. They welcome the new friends with the hope that they may become enrolled permanently in the ranks of the old ones, and they extend to all who have contributed in any way to the JOURNAL's success and support, the thanks which they are not always able to write personally.

